Minutes of Meeting

November 20, 2017

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, November 20, 2017, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Jamie Magee  Larry Savage
Cathy Parker  Fran Smith
Scott Phillips  Helen Smith

Call to Order

Jamie Magee, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Scott Phillips, seconded by Larry Savage, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Scott Phillips, seconded by Cathy Parker, to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference

Jamie Magee advised that the Alzheimer's Association Newsletter, received the first week in October, contained an article regarding the Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference.

Guest Speaker

Mary Anne Bonafair, Care Coordinator for Seniors Helping Seniors, spoke about the organization and how they can assist seniors to stay in their homes. Seniors Helping
Seniors was founded in the mid-1990's by a woman from India who had worked with Mother Teresa. The organization, staffed mainly by retirees, is a licensed, non-medical, PASA provider of in-home services for seniors.

Seniors Helping Seniors provides companionship, socialization, bathing, transportation, and some light housekeeping services. Clients can receive help for merely two hours a week or up to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The current fee for services is $22.00 per hour. It was noted that although staff is permitted to remind clients to take their medicine, they cannot actually give medication to the client or set up pill boxes. Long-term care insurance is accepted by Seniors Helping Seniors; however, they do not serve Medicaid patients at the present time.

Amy McDermott is the owner and operator of the only Seniors Helping Seniors agency in Delaware, which serves Sussex and Kent counties. They currently have between 40 and 43 part-time staff.

**Introductions**

Advisory Committee members introduced themselves, followed by each of the guests telling a little bit about themselves.

**Old Business**

Discussion regarding the 2017 Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference and brainstorming for the 2018 conference will take place at the January meeting.

**Public Comment**

❖ Anthony DelFranco announced that the CHEER Community Center in Georgetown will host a holiday feast on November 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is $6.00 per person for anyone over 60.

Mr. DelFranco also advised that the CHEER Community Center will be sponsoring “Operation Christmas CHEER.” On the morning of December 25th, volunteers are needed to deliver meals and a wrapped Christmas present to homebound seniors in Sussex County.

❖ Jamie Magee asked if the public had any comments regarding the 2017 Sussex C.A.R.E.S. Conference, noting that Committee members are requested to hold their remarks until the January meeting. Anthony DelFranco said that Ken Bock, Executive Director of CHEER, told him that he felt the 2017 conference was by far the best conference the Committee has hosted thus far.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, in Georgetown. Committee members are asked to
come prepared to discuss the 2017 conference and what they would like to see for future conferences.

Adjourn

Jamie Magee thanked everyone for attending. A Motion was made by Fran Smith, seconded by Helen Smith, to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Smith, Secretary
Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County